(a) whether Government have a proposal to export trade relations with China;

(b) if so, what are the new areas identified therefor; and

(c) what programme has been drawn up for the expansion of Sino-Indian trade during the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) During the recent meeting of India-China Joint Group on Economic Cooperation, Trade, Science and Technology held in New Delhi on 12-13 December, 1991, the following areas of Economic cooperation were identified;

(i) To explore possibilities for establishment of joint ventures.

(ii) To explore possibility of bilateral co-operation in iron ore mining, railways communication, aviation, water conservancy, construction, iron and steel processing.

(iii) To participate in tenders for projects to be financed by World Bank, ADB or other international financial institutions in either country.

(iv) To explore the possibility of jointly participating in third country projects.

(v) To explore the possibility of export of consultancy services from India.

(vi) The item of export and import interest for each country were identified and included in the trade protocol for the calendar year 1992.

(vii) Also a memorandum for resumption of border trade with China was signed on 13.12.91.

Export Commitments of F.C.V. Tobacco

1848. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the export commitments of F.C.V. Tobacco, this year;

(b) what is the number of importers;

(c) whether the orders for export have been finalised;

(d) what is the unit value realisation to each exporting country;

(e) what are the corresponding figures of unit value realisation in case of other exporting countries;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether the unit value realisation is less in one case;

(h) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(i) what steps have been taken by Government to raise the unit value realisation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Export of FCV tobacco so far in the current financial year, *i.e.* 1991-92 is in the order of 48,000 tons against the target of 53,000 tons.

(b) About 25 in number.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Unit value realisation to each exporting country is as indicated in the statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(e) Information is not available.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) and (h) In view of what has been stated above, it has not been possible to make a comparison.

(i) Price is determined by the demand & supply factors in the international market. However, as a result of various steps taken by the Government to upgrade quality, productivity, and marketing, the average unit value realisation for FCV tobacco has improved from Rs. 31.49 per kg. in the year 1989-90 to Rs. 53.32 per kg. in 1991-92 (April-January).

Statement

Unit Value realisation of FCV Tobacco to each exporting Country

Country	*FCV Tobacco FOB Unit Value (Rs./Kg.)*
U.K.	70.26
Belgium	64.46
Germany	71.86
Irish Rep.	74.80
Netherlands	80.89
Greece	105.63
Switzerland	98.80
Finland	95.20
Czechoslovakia	74.90
U.S.S.R.	39.58
Poland	39.53
Israel	68.09
P.D.R.Y.	59.75
Bangladesh	68.53
Nepal	43.50
Singapore	84.77
Malaysia	47.65
Indonesia	78.82
Vietnam	47.76
Philippines	82.93
Libya	66.48
Tanzania	33.44
Australia	41.47
Newzealand	95.87
U.S.A.	40.99

Working Auction Platforms for FCV Tabacco

1849. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many auction platforms for F.C.V. tobacco are working in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) since when they are opened, this year;

(c) how many buyers are there on an average on each platform;

(d) what is the average price thereof;

(e) what are the quantity of arrivals;

(f) how many growers offered their produce to aid;

(g) what are the corresponding figures of last year; and

(h) what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED: (a) There are 23 auction platforms.

(b) Auction platforms were opened in a phased manner, 3 on 14.2.92, 17 on 20.2.92 and the remaining 3 on 28.2.92.

(c) On an average there are 30 buyers on each platform.

(d) As at the end of February, 1992, average price realised by the growers is Rs. 28.69 per kg.

(e) 420 bales weighing approximately 56,700 Kgs. at each platform everyday as on 4.3.1992.

(f) 10,700 growers have so far offered their tobacco for sale.

(g) and (h) Last year only, 19 platforms were used in Andhra Pradesh, 16 from 19.2.91, and 3 from 25.2.91. The number of buyers per platform was 38. The average price realised was Rs. 27.34 per kg. On an average 520 bales were offered for sale on each platform per day by about 7910 growers.

Finalisation of Export Order of F.C.V. Tobacco

1850. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Minister of State of his Ministry during his visit to Guntur on 26th December, 1991 assured that the export orders of F.C.V. tobacco will be finalised; much earlier to the opening of auction platforms;

(b) if so, how far it is fulfilled;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken to fulfil the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Minister had informed the